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Of the

Hospitalls of K. Henry the viijth and K. Edward the vith,

viz. { St. Bartholomew's. / Christ's. / Bridewell. / St Thomas's. }

By the Maior, Cominaltie, and Citizens of London, Governours of the Possessions, Revenues and Goods of the sayd Hospitalls,

1557.

Offley Major

Martis vicesimo Octavo die Septembris Anno Phil. et Marie quarto et quinto.

AT this Court, it was agreed that all the several Articles and Ordinances hereafter mentioned, and expressed, and openly read to the Court here this day Concerning the

the Gouernance and Or-
dering from henceforth of
the house of the poore in
West-Smithfeild and the
Hospitalls of this City,
lately deuised by Sr Mar-
tin Bowes, and Sr Row-
land Hill Knights, and
diuerse other of my Ma-
sters th'Aldermen, and the
Commoners of this City,
being Gouernours and
Surueyors at this present
of the said Houses, and
of all the Lands and o-
ther Reuenues of the same
whatsoeuer, shall be entred
of Record, and from hence-
forth

forth be putin due Execution from time to time, according to the true meaning of the same.

Goodfellow.

The Ordinances and Rules for the Governors of the Hospitalls in the Citie of London.

To be redd in every of the said Hospitalls at a full Courte once every Quarter, either xiiij dayes before, or after the Quarter day.

Whereas the most excellent and worthy Princes our late Soveraigne Lordes Kinge Henry the viijth and King Edward the vjth of their bountifull benignitie and charitable devotion towardes the succour and sustentation of the poor in this Citie, have geven and graunted by their Lettres Patents, with

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Indentures of Covenants and bandes to the said Princes and their Successors by the City made for performation thereof, to the Maior and Cominaltye Citizens of this said Citie, Al-well iiij several Hospitals, (that is to say) By King Henry the viijth one Hospitall called St Bartholmewes the little, and by Kinge Edward the vjth iij other Hospitalls, called Christs Hospitall, Bridewell place, and St Thomas Hospital; As also certain Lands and Tenements; towards the relefe and maintenance of suche Poor as there are releved, and have also by their Kingly Prerogative, graunted unto the Maior and Cominaltie, for the better Government of the same amongst other

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other things in the said Lettres Patents, authority and power to elect and chuse Governours and Officers, And also to make and constitute good and holsome Ordinances for Godlie maintenance thereof, by vertue of the whiche Lettres Patents We the said Maior and Cominaltie have made and ordained these Rules and Ordinances in maner and forme followinge.

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First, how manye Governours shal be elected; the maner of their Election; and how they shal be divided, and of their continuance.

The number of persons that shal Governe the said iiij Hospitalls before mentioned shal be Lxvi at the leaste, and xiiij of them to be Aldermen (that is to say) vj Graye clokes and viij callabre, with Lij grave Commoners, Citizens and Fremen of the said Citie, whereof iiij to be Skrivener, at the leaste; to th' intent that in every House may be

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be one or moe, as neede shal require. And ij of the Aldermen of the Auncients Grayecloke to be Governours generall of all the said iiij Hospitalls; the Senior of those twaine to be Comptroler, and the other Surveior; and other xii Aldermen and Lij Commoners shal be devided equaly to the said iiij Houses (that is to saye) for every House xvi persons at the least, to wit, iij Aldermen, whereof one shal be a graycloke, who shal be their President, and xiij Commoners whereof one shal be their Tresurer.

And yearly, upon the day of St Matthew th'apostell, at a General Court to be houlden in Christe Hospital, or els in some

other convenient place, by the said Governours or the most part of them, shal be elected and chosen new Governours to govern the said Hospitalls for ij years then next ensuinge from the feast of St Michaell tharchangell; and none to remaine above ij yeares, except reasonable consideration and by consent of the greatest Number of the said general Courte.

And if it happen any of the said Governors do dye within the year (as God defend) being under the degre of an Alderman, or the Threasurer (the Governors of Saint Bartholmews Hospitall being excepted) the Governors of the said Hospitall in the said Howse where he served, shal at the farthest within

within one Moneth after his deceale, at a full Court, then and there elect and chuse one other Commoner in the place of him so deceased. But if it happen that either the Comptroler, or Surveyor generall, or any of the Aldermen or Threforers of the said Holpitall, (except before excepted) shall happen to die (as God defend) Then at a Generall Courte to be holden in Christes Holpitall or els where as before, within x dayes at the farthest after the deceale, then and there shall by them be chosen one other or more in the place or places of him or them so deceased, and as often as it shall happen.

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At whiche Generall Courte being kept on St Matthews daye, there shall also be chosen for Auditors generall of the Accompts of all the said Houses, xvi persons, iiij of every Houle, to wit an Alderman and iij Commoners, and the Aldermen to be the Ancients of such as have not been Maior, to Audite aswell the Threfozer and Renters Accompts, as also thaccompts of all other Officers in any wise accomptable to the said Hospitalls.

The election being thus finished; Then shall be called in before the said Courte, all the Bedells, who shall deliver up their Staves and depart the howse, that the opinion of the Court,

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Court, may be harde touchinge the doing of their duties. To the entent, yf any of them be faultye, that he or they may be rebuked or dismissed, at the discretion of the said Court, and thereupon to deliver unto suche as then remayne, their Staves and again astablishe them.

And for the better order and rednes in the general election; the Governours of every house, xx daies before the said day of election, At a Courte to be holden in every of the said Hospitals, shall then and there confere together, and nominate and put in writing the Names of suche Number of grave Citizens, as by their discretion shal be thought mete to succede in the places of such as have remained

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mained their full time. To the intent, that out of the said Number soe nominated, such of them as shall by the said Generall Court be thought meete, may succede and be Governors for ij yeares then next ensuinge.

And the same election, aswell made upon St Mathews daye, as at any other time after within the yeare, either at a Generall Courte or otherwise in any of the said Hospitalls, the same shal be presented in writinge to the Lord Maior and Courte of Aldermen in the Guild hall, at the next Court there holden after the said daye of election, by them to be ratifyed and confirmed, or els to be reformed accordinge to the appointment

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of the said Court of Alder-
men.

And within viij dayes at the
farthest next after the confir-
mation of the said election ge-
nerall by the Lord Maior and
Court of Aldermen, the Trea-
surer of every House shall cause
a Court to be warned, and
call thereunto all their Gover-
nors both Aldermen and Com-
moners, as well the ould re-
maininge as also those that
be new elected; and every Man
to take his place accordinge to
the degree of the Companie
whereof he is free, except he
be such a one as have borne
th' Office of an Alderman, or
Shrieffe, or hath fined
for the same, who shall take
place between the Aldermen
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and the Threasorer; Then shall the Clerke read the Generall charge of every Governor as followeth.

The Charge of every Governor in generall.

WHereas upon St Mathews day last past, At a Generall Court, Your worships now here present were then elected Governours of this said Hospitall for the ij yeares next ensuinge from the Feast of St Michaell tharchangell, to succede in the places of suche as be departed, according to the confirmation and ratification of the Lord Maior and Court

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Court of Aldermen in that behalfe; Your charge shall be in this Government, that every of you endevor your selves with all your wisdomes and powers faithfullie and diligentlie to serve in this Vocation and Calling; which is an Office of high Trust and Worship; for ye are called to be the faithful and true distributors and dispolers of the goods of Almightie God to his poor and needy members. In the which Office and calling, yf ye shall be found negligent and unfaithfull; you shall not onelie declare your selves to be the most unthanktull and unworthie Servants of Almightie God, being put in trust to see to the relieke and succor of his

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his poor and needy flock; But also ye shall shew your selves to be very notable and great enemyes to that worke, whiche most highlie doth advaunce and beautifie the comon weale of this realme, and chiefly of this Citie of London. For by this most comendable and notable policie, Idelnes the enemie of all vertue is suppressed and banished; The tender youth of the nedy and idle beggars vertuously brought up; The Number of sicke, sore and miserable people refreshed, harbored and cured of their maladies; And the vile and sturdy strumpet compelled to labour and travaile in profitable exercises. Requiring every of you, faithfully to travaile in this your

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Office and callinge; that this worke may have his perfection, and that the nedy Number committed to your charge be diligently and holsomlye provided for. And for your care towards these poore and nedye members of Christe, you shall be rewarded at his hand, and receive his blessinge in this world, and in the world to come the joyes everlasting.

And for as much as your Worships now present, aswell, such as be new elected, as also such as remaine of the ould, are now all confirmed and established Governors: It shall be necessarie, that presentlie from amongst you, there be chosen and

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and elected iij Almoners, for the dailie overlight of the house, as assistants with the Threasorer; ij Scruteners to gather in the Legacies; with a Rent-gatherer, and ij Surveiors.

And to the intent that every of your Worships may the better understande what in this Government yow have to doe duringe the time you are in Office, Now shall be presentlie read unto yow, the Letters Patents and Graunte from the Kinge, with the Indentures of Covenants. Thereby to shew to yow, aswell what benefits the Citie receveth by the same; As also what is by the City to be done in that behalf, for the maintenance, succour, and relief of the poore; with the true estate

estate of the Howse, aswell the
foote of the Threforers accompt,
As also the Number of chil-
dren remaining and Pencioners
relieved at the Cities charge.

And for the better instruct-
inge of your Warships touch-
ing the Government herein, You
shall understand, that by vertue
of theis Grants from the Kinge,
The Maior and Cominaltie
Citizens of the City of London
Governors of the Possessions, Re-
benewes and Goods of the said
Hospitalls, Have made and con-
stituted certaine Ordinances
and Rules, declaring aswell in
what maner your Courtes
shall be kept; As also the charge
of every severall Governour,
accordinge to his Office and
appointment; with the charge

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also of everye Officer to the said Hospitall appertaining, viz.

First of Generall Courts touching the Government of all the iiii Howses, and what in them is to be done.

A Generall Court is to be underſtoode, when the greater parte of the Governors be aſſembled, that is to say, xxxij at the leaſte in Number; for generall cauſes appertaininge to all the iiij Houſes. Of the which Number, at the leaſte foure ſhal be Aldermen, and one of them to be a Graie cloke. And whatſoever

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soever shall be agreed by such a number, the same to be taken as matters agreed by a Generall Courte, and shall not be altered or annihilated, but by a Generall Courte incident to matters concerninge the generall Government of all the iiij Houses.

Item, That no Governour, either Alderman or Threasorer of any of the said Hospitalls, be taken into the place of any such as shall hapen to die within the yeare, otherwise then by election at a Generall Courte to be called in that behalfe as before. And that the Names of the said person or persons soe elected and chosen, be presented unto the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, be-

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fore they be called unto the said Hospitall, to receive their charge.

Item, That no chiefe Officer in any of the said Hospitalls (to wit) either Clerke, Hospitaler or Matrone be admitted or removed, without a Generall Court, or els by consent of the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen.

Item, That noe Leases be let in reversion, proceeding of the Kings gifte, or otherwise generally graunted to all the Howses, but one year before the years of the ould Leases be expired; and that the same Lands or Howses be first surveied; and no such graunte to be made, but by a Generall Court; To the intent

tent that accoꝛdinge to the Covenant with the Pꝛince, the moſt pꝛofit may be made thereof, and to be onlye employed to the benefit of the pooꝛ and not ôther wiſe; except in wages, and reſonable conſideration to the Officers ſerving in the ſaid Holpitalls.

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Of a full Court in this Hospitall called Christs Hospitall for weighty Causes, and what is thereat to be done.

A Full Court shalbe when xiij of the Governors of this said Hospitall be assembled at the leaste, whereof two shall be Aldermen, the one of them to be the President, with ten Commoners besides the Threasorer; and what these xiij persons or vij of them at the leaste, the President being one of the Number, shall decre, ordaine or agre

gre upon, the same shall stand in force, and shall not be altered, nor disalowed, except by a like Court to be called in that behalfe.

Item, That no Governour be taken into this Hospitall in the place of any that shall happen to die within the year, except it be at a full Court, to be holden as afore, for weightie causes; and the Name of him so admitted, to be presented to the Maior and Court of Aldermen, before he be called to receive his charge.

Item, That no Sale of Land, Tymber or Wood, Lease, alienation, Buildinge or reparation be determined or done, of Lands or Tene-

ments geven to thonlye use of Christs Hospitall, or in any wise belonginge properlie to the same, except at a Full Court, to be holden in the said Hospitall as before.

Item, That no reward be geven to to any person above the somme of v shillings at once; which must be done by the consent of the Threasorer and one of the Almoners at the least; except first the same be graunted and determined in a full Court as before.

Item, That there be no Leases let in revertion but one year before the ould Lease be expired; and that no such graunt be made but by a full Court as before, or els not; and that all the same Leases be

be drawen in paper by a Seruyenor, one of the Gouernors of the said Hospitall before they be engrossed, and he to be alowed for every draught accordinge to the quantitie; And the Clerke of the said Hospitall to engrosse them, and to procure the Sealing of all such Leases before the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen in the Chamber of London, where the Comon Seale of the Hospitall doeth remaine.

That noe manner of bargaines be made for Timber, Tile or such like, or any other necessaries for the said howse, before the same be determined at a full Court to be holden as before, and the persons then

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then and there to be named and appointed which shalbe the Doers thereof.

What is to be done at Ordinary-Courts, when two or more of the Governors be assembled, the Threasorer being one.

TO examine, Order and punishe any Officers that shalbe found to offend at any time within this said Hospitall.

To make provision in convenient time for Victualls, Fuell, and other necessaries, as Cloth, Woll, Flexe, Towe and

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and Lether, and other such like what soever shalbe by them thought needefull for the furniture of the Houshold and releife of the children. 1. 5.

To paye the ordinary Fees to all suche as are allowd to be Officers, and all such others, as the Governors of this Howse have graunted any Pencion unto. 10.

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Touching the Admitting of Children and Graunting of Pencioners, to be either Paid in this House, or in Parishes.

There shall be no Childe admitted into this Hospitall except it be first declared to this Howse by a Certificate in writinge from a Vestrie holden in the Parishe, by whom the Suite is made, and the same to be subscribed with the Alderman of the Warde or his Deputie, and vi of the Auncients of the same Parishe at the leaste, that

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that the said Childe was there
borne in lawfull matrimonie,
or els in no wise to be ad-
mitted. And that no poor
person be admitted to any
Pencion, either to be paid in
the parishe or in this Hospi-
tall, without the like certifi-
cat as before; with declara-
tion, that the said parties
have continued in this Citie
by the space of iij yeares, ex-
cept by warrant from the Lord
Maior and Court of Aldermen.
And that this Ordinance touch-
inge the admittinge of children,
be not broken, except in cases
of extremity, where losse of
life and perishing would pre-
sently followe, if they be not
receved into this said Hospi-
tall; which is to be consi-
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dered of by the Threſorer and two of the Almoners at the leaſte, and the ſame childe to be entred into the Court Booke, and by the Threſorer and Almoners to be underwritten, for the Clarks warrant in that behalfe. And that all Bills receved from Pariſhes, as before, either for children or Pencioners be kept on a file, and that there be geven Warrants to the pariſhe underwritten by the Threſorer and other Governours, what ſhall be paid to any ſuch Pencioner weekly; ſo long as they live and ſhall have nede thereof, and dwell in the pariſhe, being not otherwiſe provided for.

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For putting Children forth to Service. 1.

ITem, The Threasurer, with one other of the Governors at the least, shall put forth any of the children of this house to service, having a careful regard to whom they be put; chiefly, that they be honest persones, and such as be well able to kepe them, and to bring them up to suche facultie, service or occupation as they may hereafter be good members in the Commonwelth. Whereas without such regard taken, they may happen to become more poore than their poore Parents; and

and also become evil members, to the great griefe of such as daily relive them in this Howse; and that as nigh as they can, to binde them with none, but with Freemen of this Citie; And before they be so put foorthe, being Men children, they may write and reade and cast Accomptes, being found apt thereunto.

And that suche of the children as be pregnant and very apt to learninge, be reserved and kept in the Grammer-Schole, in hope of preferment to the Universitie; where they may be vertuously educated, and in time become learned and good members in the Common weale.

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For the Examination of Single-Women being gotten with Child; And the persons with whom they have committed the Offence.

AND that two Governours or more, whereof the Threasurer to be one, if he be not sicke or out of Town, shall also at any time examine all single women or others being brought into this House with childe; and cause the parties whom they accuse to be sent for before them; and upon his or their confession, to cause him

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him or them to enter into bands with Sueerties to the Maior and Cominaltie, to see the same childe kept from the charge of this Citie and Hospitalls; and to se the woman provided for, from that tyme untill she be delivered and churched; with suche other Covenants as the case shall require. And if the said parties doe not confesse the facte, and the same by all presumptions likely to be true; they shall be committed to Ward, there to remaine untill further tryal may be had thereof: Or els put in Sueerties to answer this Courte from time to time, untill the truthe may be knowen. And these matters to be used accordinge to the discretion

crecion of the Thresorer and two other Governors at the leaste: And this is ordained, to avoide the laying of such children in the Streets, whereby this Hospitall upon such extremities should otherwise be charged thereby.

Governours.

A Comptroller } General
A Surveior }
A President
A Thresorer
iij Almoners
ij Scruteners
A Renter
ij Surveiors.

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The Comptroller Generall.

ITem, That the Comptroller be warned to every generall Court, And also to every full Courte which shalbe holden in every of the severall Howses for waighte causes; and that the Threasorer of the Howse or Clarke by his appointment, where such full Court shall hapen to be called, Do first informe the Comptroller of the matter and causes. So that it may be at his choise and pleasure whether he will be there, or not; Or whether it will please him to appoint some other time in that

that behalf; Notwithstanding, if he be not there, yet that he be afterward informed, how the same matter was ended and determined.

Item, That after the Generall Courte or day of election, the coppie of the said election being confirmed by the Lord Maior and Courte of Aldermen, shalbe deliuered unto the Comptroler; To thintent, by the same remayninge by him, he maye perceve from time to time, who be the Governors for the yeare ensuinge for every seueral Howse.

Item, That the Threlorer of every Howse, or the Clerke being thereunto appointed, Doe after the generall Audite of every Howse, deliver into the

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hands of the Comptroller, the just and true coote of the Accompte of either of the Howses; with the Number of children and Pencioners; and the same to be done within vi daies after the said Audite daye at the farthest.

The Surveior Generall.

ITem, That the Surveior generall be likewise warned to every generall Courte; and the Comptroller being not in Towne, he to be warned to any such full Courte as shall be howlden in any of the said severall Howses for waighte causes; and to be in-

influenced likewise by the Threasorer or the Clerke by his appointment, of the causes; to thintent, that it maye alsoe be at his choise, whether he will be there or no, or otherwise refere the time untill he may more conveniently.

The President.

Item, That the President of every severall Howle shal be taken as chief Ruler and Governour, next unto the Lord Maior for the time being, of the Howse whereunto he is chosen. And his authority shalbe, from tyme to tyme at his pleasure, and as to him shall seme good, to cause the Number of the Governors

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vernors to be called together; and to reprove, and reprehend any Governour in his Office, if there shall appere good cause unto him. And all Courts for waighty matters, shall by the President be appointed; and without his persons, shall no waightie matters be determined or agreed upon.

The Treasurers Charge.

Our Office and charge is to receive and paye all such sommes of mony as by any meanes shall appertayne or belong to the relievinge and comfortinge of the poore children of this House and Pentioners heere paid; and to make a true and just ac-

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compte thereof within iij Monthes at the furthest, after th'end of every yeare, duringe the time that you shall remaine Threasorer. And the same your Accompte to be made unto the Auditors thereunto appointed; and what sonme or sommes of money in the foote of your Accompte by them shalbe found due to the said Howse, yow shall pay within xxtie dates at the farthest after the said Audite be done and finished, unto the Threasorer whiche shall succeed yow, exrept yow remaine Threasorer your selfe.

And whereas the Clerke, to th'intent you should be lesse troubled, is appointed to many Recepts and Payments, you shall

shall for the more securitie therein, once every moneth call him to an accompt. And on the Saterday before the Moneths end, you shall at Ordinary Courts appoint two Auditors, aswell to Audite the same his accompte, As alsoe the accompte of Blackwellhall, or other such like; And if he the said Clerke or any other whose accompt shalbe so Auditted, doe not deliver unto you the mony found to remaine in their hands by the said Auditors, within three dayes next after at the furthest, the same being by you demaunded, You shall then advertise the Lord Maior thereof (the President being not in Towne) and what any of them shall advise

vise yow therein, the same to doe, for your better safety in that behalfe. And although here be limitted one Moneth for them to accompte; yet yow shall at your pleasure at any time within the moneth, your selfe call them to accompte, and use such means as may be for the most suertie therein; detaining into your owne custodie the over-plus, if any money be in their hands; or by any other waies and meanes, as to yow shall seem good in that behalfe. Provided alwayes that the Clerke of this howse exceade not at any time in arrearage x l. at the most. And as yow shall receve the over-plus from him, or any other of the Officers at any time being

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ing found; So shall yow, if aparant neede require for payments to be made by them, deliver suche competent somme or sommes of mony, as to your discretion shall seme good.

You shall at your first entrance into your Office, or within one moneth after at the furthest, receive into your hands an Inventorie of all and all maner of goods in the said Hospitall, Aswell at the hands of the Patron, as also at any other Officer charged in this Howse; and the same shall be Indented th' one part thereof to remaine in your custodie, and the other in the custodie of the persons charged. And at every years end, to perus

the Inventory of the goods, during your abidinge in Office. And if it shall happen that any such Officer charged, shall depart in your time; you shall se the goods in all respects whatsoever, that were by Indenture comitted to the parties so departing, delivered over by Indenture as before, into the custodie of the new Officers, what or wholever they be. And if there be any parte or parcell thereof wantinge, which in conscience ought to be answered, yow shall cause the partie so departinge away, to pay for the same, yf otherwise they cannot geve accompt thereof to your satisfaction, or els to bring them before a Court, that order may be taken therein.

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You have also authoritie to call before yow all such persones or Officers, as have the collection or gathering of any somme or sommes of mony dew to the said Howse, and to demaund an accompt of their doeing; aswell of the Collectours of the parishes, As also of the Scrutiners, Almoners, Renters and others whatsoever.

And all the Officers in this Howse, aswell Men as Women whosoever (taking wages of the Citie) not behaving themselves faithfully in their Offices wherein they serve: when any suche thinge shall happen yow shall call them before yow, and admonish them for the first and second tyme at the

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most. But if thoffence be very grevous, and to the hinderance of the howse; Then the matter shall be brought before the Court, and the parties thereunto answer, and abide such order as shalbe taken in that behalfe.

And you shall not make paiment of any somme or sommes of money for any manner of provision of the said Hospitall, except it be for Nursinge of children and ordinary Pencions, Wages, and Fees, before it be condescended and determined by iiij of the Governours, and one of them to be an Almoner: From whose hands yow shall have the Bill for your sufficient warrant in that behalfe.

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Also yow must diligently forsee, that such necessaries and provisions as are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Hering, Wood, Cole, and other whatsoever; that the same be provided in due time, to the profit and commoditie of the said Howses. And if any withdrawinge of the sommes graunted to the maintenance of the said Howses, shall at any time appeare unto yow, by reason whereof the said Howses may come to any great afterdeale, Yow shall then geve knowledge thereof in due time, desiringe the ayde and helpe of the rest of the Governours for the redimedie thereof.

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And forasmuch as your Office must of necessitie be an Office of much paines and attendance, by reason whereof yow shall have occasion to be oftner in the Hospitall than other of the Governours shalbe. It is therefore ordered, that yow with one Almoner shall from time to time, in the absence of other the Governours, have power and authoritie to examine all such Beggers, Vagabondes, Strumpets, or single women gotten with childe, and other personnes that shall happen to be taken and brought before you by the Bedles, or els sent by the Alderman, Deputie, or Constable of any Warde of this City. And them to examine, comit to prison, reproue, ba-

niſhe, put to Labour, puuniſhe, or being deſeaſed, to admit into the Hoſpitals at your diſcretion. And your warrant in ſending any to the Hoſpitalls, ſhalbe ſufficient to the Hoſpituler, for the receaving of the ſame.

This is your charge, which we require of you diligently to obſerue. And your Labours and paines herein ſhalbe rewarded at the hands of Almightie God, whom ye chiefly ſerue in this Office. For, as the Apoſtle ſaith, Godlines ſhall haue his reward, not onely in this world, but alſo in the world to come.

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The three Almoners charge of this Howse.

YOur Office and charge shalbe at all times, as ye conveniently may, to visit Christs Hospitall, and there to learne and knowe the true Number of Children that the Howse is charged with; As-well those that are harboured in the Howse, As alsoe those that are founde at the charges of the same in the Countrie; for feare that yow not knowinge the true Number, shall exceade in burdeninge and chargeinge of the Howse.

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Also ye shall enquire of their Diet and entertainment; and of the quietnes of the Howse; and whether every Officer in his Callinge doe his Duetie; As the Schole Maisters in teachinge; The Matron in governinge the wemen, and keping the provision of Bedds, Sheets, Shirts and other committed to her charge; The Nurses in washinge and keping cleane the children; The Steward in providing of victuals in due tyme, and at resonable prises; The Cooke in holsome dressinge, and cleane servinge of the same; The Butler in dividinge their proportion of breade and drinke; The Porter in geving of his attendance upon the safe keping of

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of the Howle; The Keper of your Cole house, in saving of your Fuell, and keping cleane of the Cloister, and all other outward parts of the Howle; And the Clerke in writinge and entring of things done and determined from tyme to tyme, in such sorte and maner, as every of them is bound to doe by his Office, which in the book of the charge of Officers, yow shall find plainly set out. And if any shall be found not to doe their dutie, yow shall reprove and admonish them, that they amend and be no more found faultie, and that if they doe not, yow will cause them to be brought before the President and Governours at the full Court: That in like man-

ner as they were admitted by them, Soe shall they before them be discharged, to their shame and reproach for ever. And that settinge asside all favor and affection, if any offend after ij admonitions, they be called to a Generall or full Court without longer sufferance.

And if by your good travaile, there shall apeare unto yow a lacke of some further ordinance or Decree for the better Government of the said Howse or Howses then before hath been made; Then shall it be lawfull unto yow to penn the same Ordinance; And at the next full Court, to make presentation thereof; committing it to their wisdomes to be confirmed or refused, and being agreed upon

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the same, to be entred into this Book of Ordinances.

The Scruteners charge.

YOur Office is deligentlie to serch and enquire from tyme to tyme for all suche Guiftes, Legacies, and Byquests, as have or shalbe geven or bequeathed to the succoure and comfort of the poore harbored in Christs Hospitall; and the same to receive at th'ande of th'executors, or other, and to make paiment thereof unto the Threasurer of the said Hospitall for the time being; receivinge of him your acquittance for the same, keping a booke alwayes

with yow, of the particulars thereof. Which booke ye shall bringe to the Auditors of the Howse, when the Threasurer maketh up his accompt; To thintent the Legacies by yow collected, may be conferred with the reciepts that the Threasurer shall make receved of you.

And for every such somme or sommes as ye shall hapen to collect and receave of any person, ye shall make an acquittance in your names, as Governours and Scrutiners of the said Hospitall.

And finally when yow shall hapen to be in Companie of good vertuous and welthy men, You shall to the best and uttermost of your wits and powers, advance, commend, and

and set forth the order of the
laid Hospitall, and the notable
Commodities that ensue to the
whole Realme of England,
and chiefly to this Citie of
London, by erection of the
same; And also how faith-
fully and truly the Goods ge-
ven to their uses are by the
Governours thereof minister
and bestowed.

Yee shall also enquire, who
are the Wardens of the Scri-
uenors; to whom ye shall resort
and most heartely pray and
desire, that they will convo-
cate and call their whole com-
pany together, and earnestly
exhort them all, that at the
makinge of such Testaments
as they shall be called unto,
they put the Testatour in re-
membrance

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membrance to comend some-
what to the releife of the
poore provided for in the said
Hospitall.

And that they may the bet-
ter perswad them thereunto,
ye shall deliver unto the said
Wardens, for every Houlholder
of that Company, one Bill,
wherein is set forth the true
declaration of all the comodi-
ties that have ensued by th'
erection of the said Hospitalls.
Ye shall allsoe make the like re-
quest to the Bishop of London
for the tyme beinge, that he
will likewise exhort all spi-
ritual Ministers within the Ci-
tie, not onlye to provoke and
stirre up from tyme to tyme
their Parishioners to yeld and
give to the maintenance of the
said

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said Hospitalls wekely that they have graunted; But also, when God by sickness shall visit or call any of their parishe, that then they faile not to put them in remembrance to make some special Legacie, to the relieue of that great and needy Number comforted and succored by th'erection of the said Hospitals.

Also ye shall make the like request to the said Bishop, to require all Preachers, especially suche as shall preach at Pawles crosse, that they twise or thrise in the quarter at the leaste, doe moue and exhort the people, to further the said worke.

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And the like request shall ye make to all such Preachers and Lerned men, as your Selves are acquainted with all. And to the Physitians also, requiring them in like manner, both by theyr doctrine and good report, to advance the same.

And at th'ands of him whom ye chiefly serve in this Office, which is Almightie God, you shall receive your reward for your painefull and faithfull service herin.

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The Surveiors Charge.

IN the Waneth of March Ye shall yerelie Survey all such Tenements and Lands as in any wise apper-
tayneth to this Howse. At whiche tyme the Clerke shall be redy to attend with a Ren tall, wherein shalbe expressed the said Tenements; with the places and Streets where they are; and their yearly va-
lew; with the Names of the Tenants; And upon the head of every Tenement shalbe no-
ted, the terme of yeares, if it be Let out by Lease; And whether the Lord or Tenaunts be bound to reparations. And al-

also thereunto shalbe joyned such Covenants as shall or doe mention any forfeiture of the said Lease, for not observing the Covenants; To th'intent that readely he may know when faults be made, whether he may re-enter for the same. And all defaults that shalbe founde in such Survey, Ye shall cause the Clerke to enter in a Booke; putting apart those Tenements wherewith the Howse is to be charged with reparacions, from such as the Tenants are bound to repaire. And at the next Court (the President being thereat) the same Booke of Survey shalbe redd. And so much as shalbe at the same Court determined to be done, the

the Threasorer shall cause the Renter to doe or see done; whereat the Steward shalbe alwaies attendant; and the determination of the said Court shalbe the Threasorer's Warrant.

And for your paines in this behalfe, You shalbe recompenced with a Crown in everlasting glory purchased by our Saviour Christe, for all such as travaile to the comfort and succoure of his poore and needy Members.

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1. The Renters Charge.

YOur Charge is Quarterly to Collect and gather for the terme and space of one whole yeare all these, Rents that shalbe contayned in a Rentall, and delivered yow by the Threasorer of this Howse for the time being; and the Somes by yow collected ye shall forthwith pay unto the said Threasorer.

Also Ye shall doe or cause to be done all such reparacions as from time to time shall be determined by the Governors of the Howse at a Generall Courte to be done. Which shalbe delivered unto yow in a Bill

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Bill subscribed with the hand of the said Threasorer.

And of all such Sommes as ye shall receive or pay, ye shall make accompt thereof to the said Threasorer. And if at any time ye shall perceive the Tenants negligent in doeing of reparacions, being bound thereunto by vertue of their Leases, ye shall geue warninge thereof unto the Threasorer, that the Governors may take order therein.

And if ye shall perceaue any Lease or termes of yeares to be nigh expired, Or any Suite to be made for them, whereby the Howse maye take any commoditie; Ye shall also give knowledge thereof in due time.

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And the Fees and Rewards
that ye shall have, shalbe the
same that God hath promised
to all them that lovingly and
carefullie seke to serue and
please him.

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Officers.

The Clerke
The Matron
The Nurses and Keepers of Wards
The Steward
The Officer appointed to warne the Collectors and Churchwardens
The Cooke
The Butler
The Porter
The Shomaker
The Chirurgian
The Barbour
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The Clerks Charge.

Your Charge is to be continually attendant here in this Howse, or some other convenient person at your appointment, such as yow will answer for, to attend as well upon the President, the Threasorer and Governors, whereseoever they shalbe, heere or else where, about the affairs of the Howse, being in due time advertised thereof. To th'intent if occasion require to have any thinge put in writinge,

tinge, that such order may be alwaies used by you, as the same may be entred into the Books of this Howse, incident to the matter.

As also to attend upon the Collectors and all other persones, aboute the Receipts and Payments of mony; which yow shall not only receaue, and paye duelie, but from tyme to tyme and at all times, when it shall pleale the Threlorer to request yow thereto, to yield to him a true and just accompt thereof; And such mony as shall at any time be founde to remaine in your hands, the same to deliver to the Threlorer within iij dayes after your accompt so taken either by himself or by the Au-

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ditors upon whom ye shall attend; as you will avoyde the perill that maye fall thereof.

And all and all manner of matters whatsoever at any Court, or otherwise touching the State, necessary affairs, or Governance of this House, that yow shall be appointed to write, being requiset to be kept secret, you shall not in any wise open or disclose to any manner of persone or persons whatsoever, as yow will avoid the danger that may happen to you for the same, and as the Judgment of a full Court for waighty Causes shall judg and deeme thereof.

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You shall not deliuer any mony in prest to any Officer of this Howse, or to any other, without the Threasurer will vow the same to doe, or that the same by an Ordinarye Court be graunted.

And to thintent that all things in your Office may be the redier answered, yow shall kepe all these Bookes followinge, and any other that may be thought hereafter convenient, for the better ordering of all things appertayninge to the same.

First yow shall kepe a Court-booke, otherwise called a Memorial-booke, whereinto yow shall write all things passed in any Courte or otherwise. And the same yow shall passe into

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such other Booke or Bookes, as the Cause and matter shall require. To th'intente there may rebely be found any matter that shall be required of yow. And whatsoever shalbe at any Courte by yow written down, the same shalbe redd before the breakinge up or departure, that the Governors may perceave thereby, whether yow have entred all things to their mindes or not.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the children admitted into this howse; and the same shalbe called the Booke of Children. Which booke shall contayne th'admission of any childe into this howse, and by what order the same was receaued; directinge the same to the Number of

of the files of Bills receaved from the parishes in that behalfe. Whereby the day of the Moneth and yeare of their admission may appeare; thereby to find, when Clothe is taken, whether the same Childe be living and remaininge in the Howse, or at Nurse; at Service, or els dead, in such maner as the same booke is ordered, extant to be seene.

Item, You shall kepe a Booke of all the Nurses which keep any of the said Children of this Howse, and the same shall yow call the Nurse-Booke; thereby to shew how many children every Nurse hath, their wages wekely due for them, and a iuste note of the dates they were deliuered; the better to kepe

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kepe a iuſt accompt thereof.

Yow ſhall alſo keepe a Pencion-Booke whiche ſhall declare the Number of the poore in this Citie, relieued by this Hoſpitall, and paid in the parithes. Wherein ſhalbe expreſſed the tyme of their admiſſion and their Stipends wekely, which ſhalbe referred vnto the Bills on the files receaued for their admiſſion from Parithes; as warrants for payinge of them in that behalfe.

Item, Yow ſhall kepe an Yerely-booke for Collections, Legacies and Benevolences, Boxe mony, and all other Receipts and Payments for the yeare, begininge alwaies the

day of September and ending the of the same Month the next yeare following. Which Booke shall serue aswell to accompt with euery Parishe seuerally; As also for the Legacies and other accompts before mentioned.

Item, You shall kepe iiij Moneth-Books. Euery Booke shall containe all your receipts and Paiments receiued and paid in euery Moneth; and they shall passe under these titles in their Payments (that is to say) Boord-wages paid weekely to the Matron, and Nurses; Necessaries for the Houlholde, Pencioners paid in this Howse, with euery of their Names recited; and the seuerall Pencions, with a iust ac-

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accompt what is every weeke due to any of them: And also the like for children above at Nurse. Which Books are extant to be seene and daily han in use. And at every Quarters end the Fees and wages of Officers; as he also entreu into iiij of their Books, such as shalbe incident to the Cause, according to the time of the yeare.

And the substance of all the said xiij Books, aswell Paiments as Receipts, yow shall beare ouer into the former Collection booke immediately upon. To the intent, that at thend of the yeare, the same booke maye containe aswell your Receipts and Paiments in all respects, as also the Threasorers. Wherein together

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ther shalbe the whole accompt of the Threſorer for the yeare perfectly set down. Which yow shall engroſſe and write faire into a Booke, entituled The Threſorers Accompts. And beſides the same, make for him a treue and iuſt priuate Coppie thereof verbatim, which he shall haue under the Auditors hands, in his own tuition, for his discharge in that behalfe.

And you shall not faile to haue the said iij Books (to wit) the yearly Collection-book, The Threſorers accompt-booke and the Threſorers privat Coppie-booke all made in a readines in convenient time, for the Audite; and thereupon geue notice to the Threſorer, what

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What tyme yow be redy; to th'intent that the Auditors may be warned to Audite the same; and that it be within the time limited.

Item, Yow shall kepe a Booke wherein shall be entred all debts owing to the Howse by composition, and therein declare their tyme of payment, and the maner of the Bands; And also what mony remaines to any of the children, which was receved at their admission.

Item, a Booke breiflie to declare how many children from time to time have bene receved out of the parishes of this Citie, and shalbe entituled Children from Parishes; how many of them be living; how many

many be put to Service; how many be dead; and how long they remained at the Cities charge, before they were put forth; and how many doe remaine at the Cities charge. Therewith to charge the Collectours withall, when they shall be importunate in their Suites.

Item, A Booke briefly to declare what Bands remaine, and from henceforth shalbe taken for keping of children, or otherwise, and as the same Bands be delivered, the said booke to be discharged thereof.

Item, A Booke of all the Lands and Tenements belonginge to this Howse, of whose Gift they be; Where they lye;

of their Buts and boundes; for what rent they goe; when all their Leases wil be expired; with all other such necessarie declarations, as in that behalfe shall be nedefull; and this Book shalbe Intituled The Booke of Lands and Tenements.

You shall also be mindfull of the time for chosinge of Collectors, and prepare their preceipts in a redines for the same. And also for the viewing of all the poore in the Citie, and such like, and put the Threforer in mind thereof.

And against Easter yow shall prepare a Booke for the receipt home of the children, to perceaue thereby, how the same will accord with your Nurse-

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booke and Booke of Children; thereby to keepe your great Books faire. And note also, that yow nether make your medle in any other [illegible] Office, but in your owne, and if yow se any thinge amisse in them, geue the Governours to understande thereof, who will reform the same.

The Matrons Charge.

Your Office is an Office of great Charge and Credite. For to yow is committed the Governance and oversight of all the Women and Children within this Hospitall.

And also to yow is geuen authoritie, to commaunde, reproue and rebuke them or any of them. And if any shall hauen to disobey, whom you shall not be able to correct, Yow shall from time to time make such knowen unto the Almoners and Governors of the Howse, that they may take order with them, as shalbe thought meete by their wisdomes.

Your Charge is also to searche and enquire whether the women doe their duetie, in washing of the Childrens Sheets and Shirts, and in keeping cleane and sweet those that are committed to their charge: and also in the Beddes, Sheets, Coverlets, and apparaile,

rasle, (with keping cleane their Wards and Chambers) mending of such as shalbe broken from time to time. And specially you shall geue diligent heede, that the said Washers and Nurses of this house be alwaies well occupied and not idle. And that their Linnen be wholsomly and cleanly washed; and the same first receued from the Kepers be (after the washing thereof) quietly deliuered unto them.

You shall also once euery quarter of the yeare, examine the Inventorie which shalbe deliuered unto you, of the Implements of the house; as of Beddes, Bolsters, Mattresses, Blanquets, Coverlets, Shets, Pallads, Shirts, Po-

sen, and such other; whether any of the same be purloyned, embezeled, spoiled, or otherwise consumed; and to make such lacke and faults, as by you shalbe espied, knowen unto the Almoners of this Howse for the time beinge; that they may take order therein.

You shall also geue great charge unto all the Nurses of euery Warde, that no Child be received by them, before the name of the same childe be entred into the Ward-booke; nor that any be deliuered to Nurse or otherwise, but that they be also entred, and to whom they are deliuered, with the day and month when the same is done.

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You shall also neither receave nor deliver any thinge that is in the Wardrop, unless you cause the same to be written by them that are appointed thereunto. And be suer to receave from the Nurses in the Country, when any Children die, their apparaile.

You shall take such order among the Nurses or otherwise, that the Wall be kept swere and cleane; and suffer non of the children to be there after their meales, except it be at Service time, and when it shall please the Governors to appointe them.

You shall twise or thrise in every weke arise in the night, and goe aswell into the Sicke

warde as also into euery other Warde, and there se that the children be couered in the beddes, whereby they take no colde.

And laste of all, if yow shall perceaue that any Officer or Officers of this Howse doo abuse themselves, either in woorde or Deede, Yow shall admonishe the Governors of the same, and not medle any further therin, neither to have to doo with any Officer or Officers, other than appertaineth to your owne Office and charge as aforesaid.

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The Charge of the Nurses and Keepers of the Wardes.

Our Charge is faithfully and truely to serve in this house, to obey the Maiton thereof.

Ye shall also fly and eschue all cayling, skolonge, swearinge and drunkennes.

Ye shall in your behauiour and doings be vertuous louinge and diligent.

Ye shall also carefully and diligently oversee, keepe, and governe all those tender babes and yonglings that shalbe committed to your charge, and the same holesom-

ly, cleanely, and sweetly noorishe and bringe up.

And in like maner shall ye keeye your wardes and every parte thereof swete and cleane.

Ye shall also, to avoid all Idleness when your charge and care of keping the Children is paste, occupie your selves in Spinninge, sewing, mending of Shets and Shirts, or some other vertuous exercise, such as you shalbe appointed unto.

Ye shall not resort, or suffer any man to resort to you, before ye have declared the same to the Almoners, or Matron of this Howse, and have obtayned their Lycence and favor so to doe.

Ye shall at lawfull times according to such order as is

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and shalbe taken in this house, be within your Chamber and places of lodginge, and se that all your children before they be brought to bed, be washed and cleane, and immediately after, every of yaw quietly shall goe to your bed, and not to sit up any longer; and once every night arise, and se that the children be covered, for taking of colde.

Theis are the especial partes of your charge, whicheye shall endeuour every of your selues, with all your powers to observe and kepe; or els ye shall not only remaine under the correction and punishment that shall be thought meete, by the discretion of the Governors; but also to be expulsed and banished

nished this Howse for ever. And whatsoeuer faults ye shall perceiue by any other Officers in this Howse, the same ye shall declare unto the Gouernours, and not otherwise medle or make but in your owne business.

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The Stewardes Charge.

YOur Office shalbe to prouide all such necessarie Victuales as shalbe assigned from tyme to tyme by the Threasorer or Almoners of the howse, to the use of the poore; and the same soe provided, ye shall deliver the due proportion appointed for euery meale unto the Cooke. And this shall you dailie doe, in the presence of the Matron or one of the Almoners of the howse.

Also yow shall diligently forsee what necessarie provisions are to be made, as of Butter, Cheese, Fishe, Wood, Cole, &c.

et. and in due time geue knowledge thereof unto the Threasorer, or one of the Almoners of this Howse, that provision may be made accordingly.

You shall not embezell, or conuay any maner of Victualls, either to your owne use, or to the use of any person, other then to th' use of this Howse as aforesaid; upon pain to be deprived of the Howse and lose your Office for ever.

And attendant shall yow be upon the Rentar, what tyme any buildinge shalbe for this Howse, and upon the workemen, and carefully to oberse them in all respects.

This is your charge which se that yow doe, and have not

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to doe with any other mans Office; but if yow espie any not to doe their duties faithfully, yow shall geue warninge thereof to the Governors and to meyle no further.

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The Officers Charge appointed to warne the Collectors and Church-wardens.

YOu shalbe diligent from time to time when yow are required, to warne the Collectors and Church-wardens; aswell for the bringing in of their mony, and the presentacion of theire poore, as for any other causes incident thereunto. In the doeing whereof, you shall use gentle and courteous speche, as shall become yow in that behalfe.

You shall also se that there be aswell in the Sicke warde, as

as also in every other warde, a Book kept by such a one of the Grammer childzen as can reatlest write, of all the Names of the childzen in euery Warde; and when any childe is receiued into any of the said Wardes, the same childes name, with the day of the moneth, to be entred. And so likewise when any be deliuered to Nurse, or in any wise remoued, either into the Sick warde, or other wise, likewise to be entred. And once euery Moneth to confer theis Ward books with the Clerke, to se how they will agre with his Books.

You shall also kepe the Wardrobe booke, wherein shalbe written, first, the remainder of all things at euery Michaelmas.

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Into the whyche booke, yow shall alsoe enter all thinges that shalbe bought in the whole yeare followinge; setting euery kinde by it selfe.

And you shall kepe another Booke for the said Wardrobe, which shall containe the Names of all the children belonging to this Howse; setting the children at Nurse by themselues, in such sorte, that the Nurses names may appeare, and how many children each of them hath, with their Names; and directly against euery childe, yow shall writ what was deliuered: thereby to shew whether the Nurses have receiued more than they ought or not, and the time when any of their children die.

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And not to be a medler in any other mens busines than your own; but if you se ought amisse, to informe the Governors thereof.

The Cookes Charge.

YOur Office is to dresse such meate as shalbe delivered unto you by the Steward, to the use of the poore, wholsomly and cleanly. And that you receave no meate of the said Steward, but in presence of the Matron of the house, or of one of the Almoners. And the meate so receaved, you shall enter euery meale into a booke, and once every Moneth, your book shalbe conferred with the Stewards

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book, and your said book shall be subscribed, or signed by the Patron or Almoners that shall be present. And the same Steward to have his allowance, according to the book so subscribed and not otherwise.

You shall have no maner of Fee profit or other commodity, as Tallow, Ashes or any other, but onely your wages and Livery.

This is your office and charge, whiche se that you faithfully doe; and have not to doe with any other's Office. But if you espie any thing that shall sounde either unhoneft or unprofitable to the howse, you shall geve warninge thereof to some of the Governors; and you to medle no further, upon paine of displesure.

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The Butlers Charge.

Your Office shalbe to receaue of the Baker and Bruer, such bread and drinke, as shall from tyme to tyme be appointed by the Gouernors of this howse, for the use of the pooze. And the same to deliuer againe to the use of the pooze at euery meale; after such maner and proporcion, as shalbe apointed vnto you by the Threasurer or Almoners of that howse.

And allwayes the Tallyes of the same Baker and Bruer shalbe in the custodie and keping of the Threasurer, or one of the Almoners, who at the bringing in either of bread or drincke, you shalbe

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shalbe called and made pvblie thereunto.

You shall have no manner of Fees but your ordinarie wages.

This is your Office; whiche se that yow doe, and have not to doe with other mens Offices; but if any thing be amisse, enforme the Governours, and medle no further.

The Porters Charge.

YOu shalbe attendant diligentlie and carefully in looking to the Gates; chiefly in the winter euenings: and se them shut in at a due hour; and after they be shut in, to be circumspect whom you let in and out.

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And after the houre of nine of the clocke in the winter season, not to open the Gates in any wise, except on a very great occasion.

And in somer season, yow shall kepe the Gates open no longer than nine of the clocke; and you shall, after they be shut in, neither let any in nor out after ten of the clocke at the furthest.

Faile yow not this to observe, as yow will answer thereunto, if any complaint come thereof, before the Governours.

And yow shall not make Office medle in any other mans office, but duely doe your owne. But if you se any thing amisse in them, yow shall certifie the Governours

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vernours thereof, that they may take order therein.

The Shoomakers Charge.

You shall in due time put the Threlorer in mynde to provide Lether for this howle.

And all the children under your governance, yow shall not onelie teache your science, but also governe them orderly. And such of them as yow cannot rule, yow shall present unto the Threlorer and Almoners, that such may receive condigne punishment.

And you shall not deale with any mans Office and charge, but your owne; and if yow se

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any thinge amisse in others, 1.
you shall certify the Governors
thereof, that they may vse re-
formation therein.

The Beadles Charge. 5.

YOur Charge is daily, and
as occasion shall serue, to
attend at this Hospitall,
upon the Threasorer and Gouer-
nors of the same Hospitall; and 10.
to be redy and willing to execute
such business as the said Thre-
sorer and Governors or any of
them shall command you; and to
doe such other businesses as is 15.
needfull, by the direction of the
Clerke, or other cheefe Officers
in the Governors absence.

You shall viset every day all
such Wards as is appointed for 20.

your walkes; and shall cleanse all the same Wards from beggers and other idle people; and the same people so found to driue away, or to carry to Bridewell.

You shall also, according to the ould custome, giue your attendance vpon the Lord Maior at the Guildhall, the Sessions house and Bridewell; and there performe your office as you are commaunded, as occasion shall serue.

You shall alwaies carry your Tipstaffs in your hands, and weare your blew Liueries; except you be other wayes licenced.

And at every Court day, you shall deliuer into the Court house, your said Tipstaffs in the present Court; and after the Court is ended, you may lawful-

fullie take them againe, except the Governors do detain them from yow, or any of yow for some offence, or neglecting your dutie.

All theise things you shall perform to the utmost of your power, and the Orders hereunder written, and all other good Orders which shall hereafter be deuised for the good of this Citie; whiche see you do obserue and keep.

And have not to doe with other mens Offices; But if you see any Officer or Officers to doe amisse, yow shall informe the Governours thereof, and meddle no further.

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The Orders for the Beadles of this Howse.

First you shall euery day, two and two together, walk through your Wards appointed, with your staffs in your hands; and all such Vagrant and idle persons, as you shall find in your walks, or in any place abroad, you shall apprehend and conuey to Bridewell. And if you chance to be resisted by any of the said Vagrants and euill persons; you shall call for aid to euery Constable next adioyning to assist you. And if he refuse so to doe; to take his Name, and to goe to the Lord Maior, and

and deliuer unto him the disobedience of the said Constable. And if the Lord Maior doe not presently cause such Constables to be punished; then at the next Court of Aldermen, yow to attend and make your complaint, whereby the Law may be executed accordingly.

Item, if any of your Citizens die within your walkes; you are to giue your attendance at the Howses of them so deceased, and to see that no Rogues or idle persons resort thither to trouble the Street.

And if any thing be given you of Benevolence for your travell, to take it thankfully, without calling aught of Dutie. And if yow be not of your selves able to cleare the Streets of such; then

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then yow shall call to your aid such Beadles, whose walks are next adjoyning, to aid and assist yow therein. And yow shall distribute to them part of such money, as shall be geven unto yow. And yow shall not intrude your selves to none other Burials out of your Wards or walkes, but unto such as yow shall be called by your fellow Beadles.

Item, one of yow every Sunday, with the rest of the Beadles of the other Howles, shall give your attendance at Pauls crosse at the Sermon time, to visit all the Streets and Lanes adjoyning, and there to apprehend all such Vagrant and idle persons, as shall be there found, by yow or any

any of yow; and to carry them, aſwell men, as women, and children to Bridewell; whereby there may be order taken according to the Law preſcribed.

And if any of yow ſhall be found negligent in performing theſe Orders aboue ſaid, or any other orders hereafter made and deuiſed; upon every fault found, your ſtaffes ſhall be taken from you, and to be ſecluded for ever more for ſerving in thoſe romes. Whereof aſſure your ſelves, without any fauour or otherwiſe, to be puniſhed according to the Gouernours diſcretion.

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Burwell	✓✓						
Camfield	✓	...	...	✓			
Cartwright	✓	...	...	✓	✓		
Clerk	...	...	...	✓	...	✓	
Cole-S.r W.m	...	...	...	✓	✓		
Collett-S.r James	...	...	...	...	...	...	✓
Deane-S.r A.	...	...	...	...	...	...	✓
Flamsteed	✓✓						
Gracedieu-S.r B.	...	✓	...	✓			
Hewer	...	✓	...	✓	...	✓	
Houblon-S.r Ja.	...	...	...	✓✓			
Humerston	...	✓	...	✓			

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Palfreeman			✓				
Perrey – M.		✓		✓			
Smith	✓		✓	✓			✓
Snow					✓		
Troughton			✓				
Watson				✓		✓	
West				✓		✓	
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Withers – Aldn.	✓✓						

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